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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. ☐ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:

☐ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

☐ sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

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4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))

☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)

☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ The international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims

1-3

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

YES

Claims

1-3

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims

1-3

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1, 2

Document 1: JP, 2003-32674, A (Kabushiki Kaisha Emaki), 31 January, 2003.

Document 2: JP, 11-337845, A (Mitsubishi Electric Co., Ltd.), 10 December, 1999.

Document 1 describes a device for generating a continuous developed image from video images from an inner wall of a tubular body, this device comprising pickup means for picking up the video image of the inner wall of the tubular body, digital image data fetching means for fetching the picked-up video image as digital image data, display means for displaying the generated developed static image, and output means for printing and outputting, wherein the developed static image generation means comprises pipe projection conversion means for generating a rotational image in the circumferential direction of the inner wall of the tubular body for each frame of the fetched digital image data and mosaic processing means for cutting and connecting the strips of each frame of the developed image produced by the pipe projection conversion means and converting them into continuous developed static image data having no seams. Document 2 describes a diagnostic apparatus for generating a developed image from the image of the inner wall of a hollow organ or body cavity and conducting a diagnostic of a disease based on the development image. Using the device described in document 1 for diagnostics of luminal organs as described in document 2 could have easily been conceived by a person skilled in the art. Document 2 also describes that the pick-up means is an endoscope camera comprising a wire.

Claim 3

Document 3: JP, 2003-275171, A (Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.), 30 September, 2003.

Document 4: JP, 8-79589, A (Toshiba Corp), 22 March, 1996.

A capsule-type small wireless video camera is well known as pick-up means, for example, as described in documents 3 and 4. Conducting the diagnostic of luminal organs by using the capsule-type small wireless video camera is also described in document 3.